



Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

Using 2003 Training Videotapes for 2004 Administration

A 2004 STAR Program administration and coordinator training videotape is not being produced. STAR coordinators may use the 2003 videotapes that were sent to all schools and districts last year. The table below lists the changes in the STAR Program between 2003 and 2004. If the 2003 videotapes are used for training test examiners and proctors or STAR test site coordinators, these changes need to be relayed. Additional copies of the 2003 videotapes are not available.

STAR Administrator Videotape

Video section	2003 Information	2004
Jack O'Connell's speech	New emphasis placed on California Standards (CSTs).	Emphasis on CSTs is continued.
Narrator Introduction	California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6 Survey), replaced Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition, Form T (Stanford 9).	2004 is the second year for administering the CAT/6 Survey tests in California public schools.
Narrator on CSTs	California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) added for students with significant cognitive disabilities.	2004 is the second year for administering the CAPA.
	Use of STAR results to calculate each school's Academic Performance Index (API) was included.	The English-language arts and mathematics tests for grades two through eight are being used to determine if schools are making AYP toward meeting NCLB requirements.
	No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) were not included.	
	Information about the Governor's Scholars Program presented.	The Governor's Scholars Program was eliminated by the state legislature after the 2003 videotape was produced.
	The grade five science field test was given.	The grade five science standards test is a 60-question test.
Narrator on dates for writing test	The grade four- and seven-writing standards tests were administered on March 18 (19) or May 13 (14).	The grade four- and seven-writing tests are being administered on March 16 (17) or May 11 (12).
Narrator on Accommodations for English learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local board policy was required.These accommodations only were available for English learners enrolled in California public schools less than 12 months.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local board policy is no longer required.All English learners may have accommodations.Accommodations are limited to those specified for English learners.



Video section	2003 Information	2004
Narrator on students writing names on front cover of test booklets and visual of student entering name on test booklet cover	Line for student name was near the bottom of the front cover.	Line for student name is near the top of the front cover.
Narrator and visual demonstration on removing science formula sheets	Formula sheets were attached to the front cover of chemistry, physics, and integrated/coordinated science test booklets.	Formula sheets are now referred to as reference sheets. Reference sheets are attached to covers of grade-five test booklets, as well as the chemistry, physics, and integrated/coordinated science test booklets.
Narrator on checking work	Students could check work on each part of the CSTs but not go back to previous parts.	Students may check work on both parts of a CST that are completed on the same day.
Narrator on CAT/6 Survey Tests	There was a break between part 1 and part 2 of the CAT/6 survey reading/language arts and mathematics tests.	There is no scheduled break between part 1 and part 2 of the CAT/6 Survey mathematics tests. There is a "stop" after part 1 when students wait for teacher directions to continue with part 2.
Accommodations coding section shown on sample answer document	Accommodations were marked only once.	Accommodations must be marked for each test.

STAR Test Site Coordinator Videotape

The changes in the STAR Test Site Coordinator information between 2003 and 2004 include the following:

- 2004 is the second year:
 - With ETS as the testing contractor
 - For using the CAT/6 Survey as the norm-referenced component of the STAR Program
 - For administering the CAPA
- Test site coordinators may use the 2003 videotape in pre-test workshops with test examiners and proctors, although it is not required.
- The name of the Scoring Service Identification Sheets (SSID) have been changed to School and Grade Identification Sheets (SGID).
- Only the Grade Two Directions for Administration (DFA) is secure. Schools and school districts, however, are asked to return all 2004 DFAs.
- Mobility dates are now collected only at the school level. District mobility is no longer marked on student answer documents.